

**To:** Ostrander, David[Ostrander.David@epa.gov]; Germann, Sandy[Germann.Sandy@epa.gov]  
**From:** Grantham, Nancy  
**Sent:** Mon 9/7/2015 10:21:38 PM  
**Subject:** RE: CRS Qs - FW: Gold King Mine: Questions

Thanks .. we will hold on this until we have the graphic timeline and then go from there.

Thanks ng

**From:** Ostrander, David  
**Sent:** Monday, September 07, 2015 6:19 PM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy; Germann, Sandy  
**Subject:** RE: CRS Qs - FW: Gold King Mine: Questions

**From:** Grantham, Nancy  
**Sent:** Monday, September 07, 2015 2:20 PM  
**To:** Germann, Sandy  
**Cc:** Ostrander, David  
**Subject:** RE: CRS Qs - FW: Gold King Mine: Questions

David .. how do you want us to approach this? Thanks ng

**From:** Germann, Sandy  
**Sent:** Monday, September 07, 2015 4:05 PM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy  
**Subject:** CRS Qs - FW: Gold King Mine: Questions

Hi Nancy, This is the request that came in from Congressional Research Service that prompted me to check w/ Dave about the press release. Please note I haven't heard back from Joyce. I don't recall her last name. Do you know it or should I work through Dave O to reach out to her?

We need to see if the issue she was concerned about would change the time of the press release. If not, still wondering if we should be citing the press release time of 11:26 pm given that we can't find a record of one released at that time.

I also drafted responses to 3 and 4, based on the 8/17 Site File memo and the Navajo factsheet, respectively. I wasn't sure about #5. The 5th pond that was established to store precipitate from the other ponds may be classified as a haz waste disposal facility. The OSC would know the answer to that one.

### Congressional Research Service Qs

1. Do we know when the public and the effected tribes were notified?

~~EPA issued a press release at 11:26 p.m. on 8/5/2015.~~

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2. Were they notified by the EPA, the National Response Center, or the Coast Guard?

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**Deliberative Process/Ex. 5**

3. When did the spill occur and what time were the tribes notified?

Per the Site File Memo EPA released on 8/27/15, the spill began at 10:51 a.m. on 8/5/2015.

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4. Has any money been obligated to any Indian tribes related to the Gold King Mine spill?

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5. Has a hazardous waste disposal facility been established?

## Deliberative Process/Ex. 5

**From:** Germann, Sandy  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 03, 2015 9:15 PM  
**To:** Russo, Rebecca <[Russo.Rebecca@epa.gov](mailto:Russo.Rebecca@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Gold King Mine: Questions

Rebecca, An issue has come up this afternoon re: public notification that needs to be resolved before we can provide responses to 1 and 2 below. I'll let you know once I have, but wanted you to know there would likely be a delay. I'll keep an eye out for it tomorrow as I'm in transit.

**From:** Russo, Rebecca  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 03, 2015 7:30 PM  
**To:** Germann, Sandy <[Germann.Sandy@epa.gov](mailto:Germann.Sandy@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Gold King Mine: Questions

Thanks Sandy!!

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 3, 2015, at 5:29 PM, Germann, Sandy <[Germann.Sandy@epa.gov](mailto:Germann.Sandy@epa.gov)> wrote:

I'll get started on these and will do what I can before I leave.

**From:** Peterson, Cynthia  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 03, 2015 7:01 PM  
**To:** Russo, Rebecca <[Russo.Rebecca@epa.gov](mailto:Russo.Rebecca@epa.gov)>; Germann, Sandy

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**Subject:** RE: Gold King Mine: Questions

I thought you said in a prior email (attached) that you would follow up and respond to Mary. If not, let me know.

Cynthia Peterson

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**From:** Russo, Rebecca  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 03, 2015 4:51 PM  
**To:** Germann, Sandy; Grantham, Nancy; Smith, Paula  
**Cc:** Peterson, Cynthia  
**Subject:** FW: Gold King Mine: Questions

Are these being worked on up in IC? I can add them to the chart tomorrow.

Rebecca A. Russo

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**From:** Faulk, Libby  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 03, 2015 11:51 AM  
**To:** Peterson, Cynthia  
**Cc:** Russo, Rebecca  
**Subject:** FW: Gold King Mine: Questions

Hi Cynthia,

# Deliberative Process/Ex. 5

Thanks, Libby

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**From:** Tiemann, Mary [<mailto:MTIEMANN@crs.loc.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 03, 2015 10:02 AM  
**To:** Faulk, Libby  
**Subject:** Gold King Mine: Questions

Hi Libby,

This email follows up on my telephone message. Here are the questions we have received:

1. Do we know when the public and the effected tribes were notified?
2. Were they notified by the EPA, the National Response Center, or the Coast Guard?
3. When did the spill occur and what time were the tribes notified?
4. Has any money been obligated to any Indian tribes related to the Gold King Mine spill?
5. Has a hazardous waste disposal facility been established?

Thank you very much for your assistance. If possible, could you respond today or tomorrow?

Please feel free to call if that is easier than an email response.

Best,

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